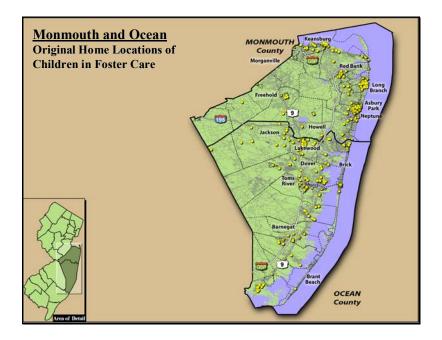


This map shows where child abuse and neglect was alleged to have occurred in the two counties during 2001. The size of the bubble represents the number of reports of a specific location, such as an apartment building or a residential program.

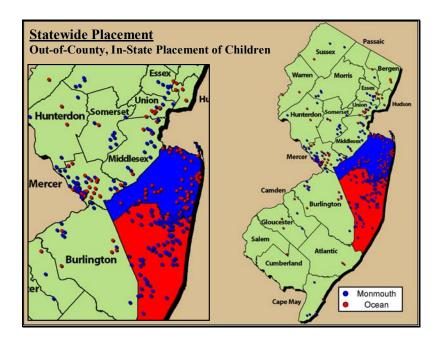
In Monmouth County, which ranked twelfth in the state for number of abuse/neglect referrals per 1,000 children (19.8 per 1,000), the greatest number of child abuse and neglect allegations occurred in Asbury Park (519), Neptune (353) and Long Branch (339).

In Ocean County, which ranked seventh in the state for the amount of alleged child abuse and neglect per 1,000 children (23.1 per 1,000), Dover Township (459), Brick Township (362) and Lakewood (321) had the highest numbers of alleged incidents of child abuse and neglect.



As of June 2003, a total of 796 children from Monmouth and Ocean counties are in foster care. Sixty one percent of these children are from Monmouth County (485), with 53 percent of Monmouth County children coming from Asbury Park (126), Neptune (71) and Long Branch (60).

In Ocean County, 311 children are in foster care with 54 percent coming from Lakewood (77), Dover Township (39), Seaside Heights (29) and Brick Township (22).



As of June 2003, only 44 percent of the 796 children in foster care from these two counties have been placed in foster homes located outside their own county. These children were placed in foster homes in Central Jersey.

Monmouth County has close to 47 percent of its children placed in out-of-county foster homes (226 children). Nearly 70 percent of those out-of-county placements are in Ocean (116) and Mercer (41) counties.

Ocean County placed 41 percent (127) of its children in out-of-county foster homes. Sixty percent of those children were placed in Monmouth (53) and Mercer (23) counties.